

For the record, my name is James B. Carpita, Beaverhead County Engineer, Dillon, MT.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this committee.

As you may be aware, Beaverhead County has withdrawn Its application from this cycle of TSEP grants. However, this does not mean that TSEP funding for bridge replacement / repairs is any less important to counties like Beaverhead. We have over 150 bridges on our 1500 miles of county maintained roads. The average age of the bridges in our system is 60years old. This means that for the most part our bridges are functionally / structurally beyond their reasonable anticipated life.

In addition to TSEP funding, Beaverhead County has used Title II & III funds including US Forest service RAC & Firewise funds as well as our levied / non-levied county funds to replace 12 bridges in the past 4 years or just 8% of our aged structures. With the anticipated reduction / outright elimination of these Federal funding sources, the TSEP program becomes even more important to Beaverhead County with a population of approximately 10,000 people and where a mill generates less than \$19,000.

Therefore, we strongly urge this body to support the passage of HB11. And in fact to invest additional funds in the TSEP program to assure the county bridges throughout Montana remain safe and adequate to handle the economic recovery that we are all focused on.

In closing, I would like to thank the Department of Commerce's TSEP staff for all their assistance and dedication to making the program a viable part of Montana's infrastructure funding and to thank this committee for their time as well.

TSEP INDIVIDUAL BRIDGE STATUTORY PRIORITY SCORES FOR THE 2015 BIENNIIUM

EXHIBIT

DATE

Jan 15, 2013

APPLICANT	Statutory Priority #1: Solves Urgent Health/Safety Problems or Meets Health/Safety	Statutory Priority #2: Financial Need	Statutory Priority #3: Technical Design	Statutory Priority #4: Planning and Management of Facility	Statutory Priority #5: Funds From Other Sources	Statutory Priority #6: Jobs or Business Expansion or Tax Base	Statutory Priority #7: Public Support	Total Points Awarded (Total Points Possible 5,000)	TSEP Eligible Grant Amount					
	Levels: 5=1100 4 = 880 3 = 660 2 = 440 1 = 220	Maximum Possible Points 900	Levels: 4 = 800 3 = 600 2 = 400 1 = 200	Levels: 5 = 700 4 = 560 3 = 420 2 = 280 1 = 140	Levels: 5 = 600 4 = 480 3 = 360 2 = 240 1 = 120	Levels: 5 = 500 4 = 400 3 = 300 2 = 200 1 = 100	Levels: 5 = 400 4 = 320 3 = 240 2 = 160 1 = 80							
Missoula County	4	880	4	800	5	700	4	480	2	200	5	400	4,041	\$480,372
Lewis & Clark County	4	880	4	800	5	700	4	480	2	200	4	320	3,838	\$231,493
Beaverhead County	4	880	4	800	3	420	4	480	2	200	3	240	3,787	\$123,658
Granite County	3	660	3	600	5	700	4	480	2	200	5	400	3,706	\$376,004
Carbon County	4	880	4	800	4	560	4	480	2	200	3	240	3,638	\$455,675
Ravalli County	4	880	4	800	3	420	4	480	2	200	4	320	3,600	\$212,489
Powell County	3	660	4	800	4	560	4	480	2	200	3	240	3,564	\$320,940
Judith Basin County	3	660	4	800	3	420	4	480	2	200	4	320	3,560	\$235,211
Blaine County	3	660	4	800	3	420	4	480	2	200	3	240	3,475	\$254,000
Anaconda-Deer Lodge Co.	3	660	4	800	2	280	3	360	2	200	5	400	3,375	\$312,104
Jefferson County	3	660	4	800	4	560	4	480	2	200	3	240	3,358	\$381,882
Stillwater County	3	660	3	600	4	560	4	480	2	200	5	400	3,335	\$205,028
Park County	4	880	3	600	3	420	4	480	2	200	3	240	3,312	\$109,955
Glacier County	3	660	4	800	3	420	4	480	2	200	2	160	3,268	\$281,927
Big Horn County	4	880	4	800	2	280	3	360	2	200	2	160	3,242	\$237,462
Chouteau County	3	660	4	800	3	420	2	240	2	200	4	320	3,224	\$178,920
Yellowstone County	2	440	3	600	3	420	4	480	2	200	3	240	3,050	\$218,439